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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Lori L. Coletta

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10, 17, 19 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 17 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 17, “chip” (line 8) need to change to --clip--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chan 5,116,273.

Regarding claim 13, Chan ‘273 discloses a method of manufacturing a sunblind for a window of a vehicle, the method comprising the following steps forming a rigid frame having a closed-loop configuration; forming a panel of flexible material which has a desired degree of opacity to the sunlight; temporarily affixing the panel of flexible material, while in a tensioned state to the rigid frame; securing the panel to the rigid frame such that the panel extends over the interior of the rigid frame; and providing at least one fixing component for fixing the rigid frame to an interior surface of the vehicle such that the panel occludes at least part of the window to sunlight.

4. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by European reference 0 193 150.

Regarding claim 13, European reference '150 discloses a method of manufacturing a sunblind for a window of a vehicle, the method comprising the following steps forming a rigid frame having a closed-loop configuration; forming a panel of flexible material which has a desired degree of opacity to the sunlight; temporarily affixing the panel of flexible material, while in tensioned state to the rigid frame; securing the panel to the rigid frame such that the panel extends over the interior of the rigid frame; and providing at least one fixing component for fixing the rigid frame to an interior surface of the vehicle such that the panel occludes at least part of the window to sunlight.

5. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by German reference 37 18729.

Regarding claim 13, German reference '729 discloses a method of manufacturing a sunblind for a window of a vehicle, the method comprising the following steps forming a rigid frame having a closed-loop configuration; forming a panel of flexible material which has a desired degree of opacity to the sunlight; temporarily affixing the panel of flexible material while in a tensioned state to the rigid frame securing the panel to the rigid frame such that the panel extends over the interior of the rigid frame; and providing at least one fixing component for fixing the rigid frame to an interior surface of the vehicle such that the panel occludes at least part of the window to sunlight.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-8, 10, 17, 19 and 20 are allowed.
7. Claims 14 and 16 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed September 20, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claim 13, Chan '273, European reference '150 and German reference '729 discloses temporarily affixing the panel of flexible material while in a tensioned state to the rigid frame and providing at least one fixing component for fixing the rigid frame to an interior surface of the vehicle such that the panel occludes at least part of the window sunlight.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is 571-272-6658.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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